



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Conservation Commission



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### MINUTES OF THE HUDSON, CONSERVATION COMMISSION KIMBALL HILL FOREST SITE WALK: JULY 19, 2019

In attendance = X Alternates Seated = S Partial Attendance = P Excused Absence = E

Randy Brownrigg	Brett Gagnon	William Collins	Ken Dickinson
Chairman <u>  E  </u>	Vice-Chair <u>  X  </u>	Member <u>  E  </u>	Member <u>  X  </u>

Elliott Veloso	Paula Hubert	Jennifer Parkhurst	Elvis Dhima
Secretary <u>  E  </u>	Alternate <u>  E  </u>	Alternate <u>  X  </u>	Town Staff <u>  E  </u>

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Select. Rep.   E  

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Additional Attendees: Eric Radlof of Bay State Forestry Service

Site Walk began at: 8:00 AM

Members performed a site inspection at Kimball Hill Town Forest. Mr. Radlof has been working with Mike Powers in transition continuing to provide consulting forestry services. He has been working with Bay State Forestry Service for over a decade and has a degree in Forestry Management from UNH. Extent of clearings, harvest area, and overall scope of work was reviewed. Substantial progress was made since the last inspection and work is now approx. 75% complete. Eric mentioned that this was a rather light harvest consisting of approximately 30% total basal area (total forest volume). Forestry BMP's were reviewed including a temporary wetland crossing. Bump trees, crop trees, den trees, stumps and benefits to wildlife habitat were

discussed. 2018 chemical treatment of invasive Russian Olive saplings was reviewed around the landing area, and a second treatment was briefly discussed that would require filing for a state permit. Conventional harvesting method was briefly discussed with Neil (timber harvester) and his cabling method was actively demonstrated. In general, this appears to be a quality timber harvest.

Eric encouraged us to remove saplings at the driveway apron to increase visibility to the parking area for safety purposes. Neil will stack logs around the entrance gate in effort to further restrict motorize vehicular access. Eric will inform us when Neil is 95% substantially complete in effort to perform a final closeout inspection with the Town Engineer. Tentative date was set for July 30<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Our intended profit margin should be approaching Bay State Forestry Service's initial 2018 estimate. Payment check will be provided after the timber sale is completed and their accountant performs a self-audit (mid-late August). Next steps were briefly discussed including a follow up presentation at a regular meeting and site inspections to determine viability of access to Musquash Conservation Area, Rangers Town Forest, and other conservation lands.

Site Walk ended at: 9:30 AM